

Local Exchange Carrier plant has already been paid for over and over by the rate payers. They have consistantly used their monopoly income to cross subsidize other non-regulated services and their monopoly choke points to squeeze out competition. They have fought competition by every means possible other than actually providing advanced services.

We should not be rewarding them for squashing their competitors. We should be demanding structural separation and keeping the physical plant a regulated utility and freeing the rest of the industry (including the LECs) to compete for layer 2 - 7 services on top of a "layer 1" utility of conduit, copper and fiber.